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## Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatal DUI Crash on 10 Freeway

A 51-year-old man convicted of killing one of his passenger's while driving under the influence of alcohol was sentenced today to 13 years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jacob Garcia Jr. of Pomona pleaded no contest on Nov. 6, 2014, to one felony count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in case GA082043.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Cathryn F. Brougham also ordered the defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$8,377.64 to the victim's family.

Deputy District Attorney Kevin Keeland, who prosecuted the case, said in the early morning of Dec. 16, 2010, Garcia was driving under the influence of alcohol on the 10 Freeway during a rainstorm.

There were five passengers in the car, including the victim, Maria Faith Soloman, 21.

At some point, Garcia hydroplaned and crashed into the back of a tractor located in a freeway construction area, the prosecutor said. Soloman died from her injuries, while two other passengers sustained trauma from the car wreck.

Soon after the collision, authorities arrived and arrested Garcia. It was determined after the crash that Garcia had a blood alcohol level of .08%, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.